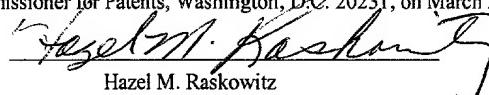


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VALENCY PLATFORM MOLECULES  
AND BIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE  
MOLECULES

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In Response to File Corrected Application Papers, entry of the enclosed substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84, and this amendment to the specification to clarify inconsistencies is respectfully requested. This submittal is being timely filed prior to the March 31, 2001 due date.



## AMENDMENT

### In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 16, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Figures 6A-C show the structure of the derivatized valency platform molecule and the linker coupling the polynucleotide to the platform molecule for Conjugates 3-I, 3-II, 11-I, 11-II, 11-IV, 11-VI, 11-VIII, 17-I, 17-II, 20-I, 20-II, 20-III, and 20-IV.--

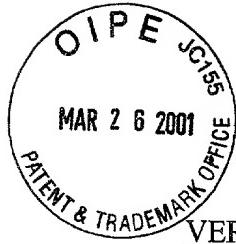
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VERSION WITH MARKING TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the specification:

Paragraph beginning at line 14 of page 16 has been amended as follows:

[Figures 6A-B] Figures 6A-C show the structure of the derivatized valency platform molecule and the linker coupling the polynucleotide to the platform molecule for Conjugates 3-I, 3-II, 11-I, 11-II, 11-IV, 11-VI, 11-VIII, 17-I, 17-II, 20-I, 20-II, 20-III, and 20-IV.

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